



Domestic visitor arrivals best March on record

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Tourism figures up for March

Tourism expects banner year

By Kelly Yamanouchi

Predictions that 2004 would be a strong year for Hawai'i tourism have proved accurate so far. The state's No. 1 industry is recovering nicely from the past three years of tumult, thanks to a turn in Japan's long-suffering economy and the continuing strong allure of the Islands among Mainland travelers

Many in the tourism industry just hope that no international catastrophe will get in the way of this recovery

PACIFIC BUSINESS NEWS

Hawaii hotel occupancy leads U.S.

Prabha Natarajan

Hawaii led the nation with 80.1 percent hotel occupancy for the first quarter of this year, toppling incumbent New York, according to reports from the national firm Smith Travel Research LLC and the local firm Hospitality Advisors LLC.





Visitors pack hotels

State occupancy levels hit 80.9% last quarter to lead the nation

Ry Δllison Schaefers

first quarter to lead the nation in ho-director of tourism.

nation's top 25 markets, according to crease. Oahu followed with a gain of the latest data from PKF Hawali. 4.4 percent.

February, occupancy increased 5.8 creases for all islands. The Big Island president and chief executive officer plans with a trip to paradise, he said.

percent over February 2003—the highest result for any month since March occupancy rates March occupancy rates February 2001. Occupancy perfor-BY ISLAND mance for March continued the

trend, rising 7.9 percent to 82.4. "The months of February and March, historically, are the first peak Oahu in the visitor-industry cycle. Such a substantial increase provides an op- Maui Hawaii's visitor industry re- timistic outlook for the coming bounded dramatically during the months," said Daisy Aio, PKF Hawaii

All islands posted year-over-year quarterly increases. Kauai, with a Statewide 80.7% 13.7 percent increase in occupancy. Driven by record-breaking visitor led the state with the strongest per arrivals and a rebounding Japanese formance over the first quarter of market, occupancy at Hawaii hotels 2003, while Molokai followed with a increased 5.6 percent statewide to 9.4 percent gain. The Big Island regfinish the quarter with an 80.9 per-istered a 5.9 percent increase and cent rate, outperforming hotels in the Maui showed a 5.7 percent in-

The year started with a statewide Hotel average daily room rates increase of 3.7 percent in January also rose 3.6 percent during the first "We'll see continued strength movfrom the same period a year ago. In quarter, a result of significant in-

80.2% +11.5% 83.0% Big Island 77.5% +8.7%

posted an 8.1 percent increase; Molokai prices rose by 5.3 percent; Kauai by 4.1 percent; Oahu by 3.6 percent; and Maui by 2.6 percent. Hotel executives said they expect continued good news in the months

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e 003		Percent of rooms occupied	Change from March 2003
A	Oahu	82.9%	+8.5%▲
A	Maui	85.1%	+5.7%▲
A	Kauai	81.5%	+13.5%▲
A	Molokai	68.5%	+16.1%
A	Big Island	78.6%	+7.8%▲
ETIN	Statewide	82.4%	+7.9%▲
	Source PKF House	BILL	STAR-BUILLETIN

of Outrigger Enterprises Inc. "June bookings are softer than we would have liked, but it's getting stronger. Improved economic conditions and the perception that Hawaii is a safe place to visit may drive Ameri-

Tourism recovery continues

State visitor arrivals rose 6.5 percent in March compared with last year

By Dan Martin

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March visitor arrivals climbed further out of the hole caused by last year's SARS epidemic and fears over the Iraq invasion, with both Japanese and U.S. travelers converging on the islands in greater numbers compared to March 2003.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism said the state hosted 576,087 visitors last month, an increase of 6.5 percent over last year. The numbers were bolstered by 410,000 visitors from the U.S. mainland, which DBEDT called the best March on record for that segment.

Hawaii visitor count

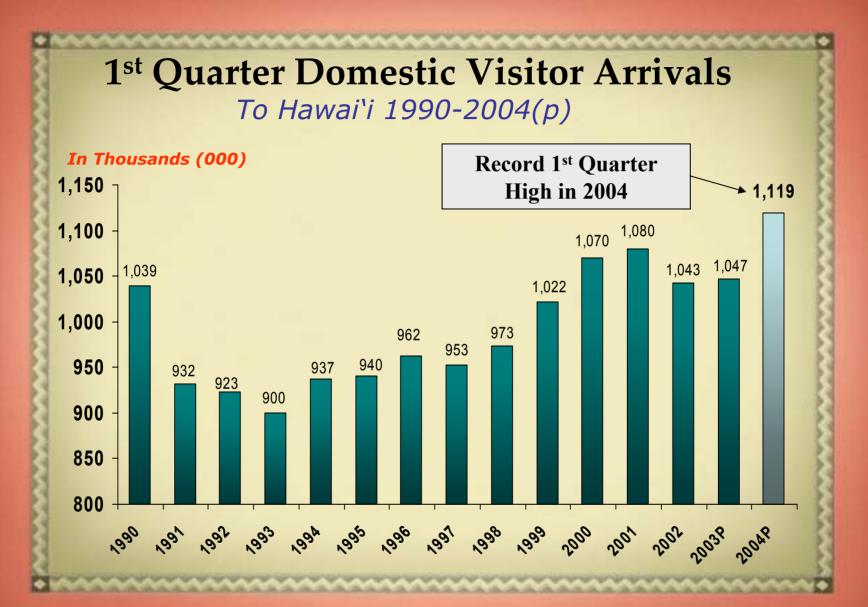
	Number of visitors	Change from Jan. 2003
Domestic	410,482	+6.4%
International	165,605	+6.6%
Total	576,087	+6.5%
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Oahu	363,080	+9.8%
Kauai	83,045	-1.5%▼
Maui	188,332	-2.9%▼
Molokai	6,947	-19.0%▼
Lanai	7,220	-31.6%▼
Big Island	107,263	+1.2%

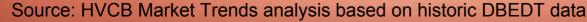
Marsha Weinert, the state's tourism liaison, said the growth in domestic arrivals was fueled in part by an increase in meetings, conventions and incentive travel compared to the previous year, citing a Coors Brewing Co. convention and an international dental conference.

Also contributing to the stronger



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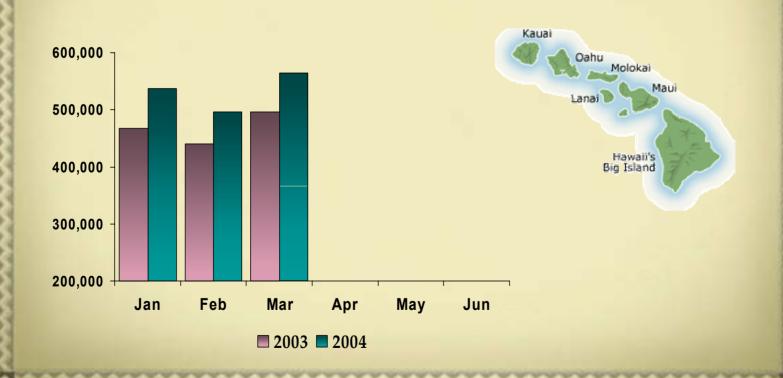


Major Carriers Add New & Increased Air Service

Airline	Departing	Arriving	Status
ATA	San Francisco	Honolulu	November, Increase
Continental	Houston	Kahului	Started June 2003
Delta	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Started Nov 2003
Hawaiian	Seattle	Honolulu	March, increase
Northwest	Minneapolis	Honolulu	Dec 2003, increase
Northwest	Seattle	Kahului	Dec 2003, new
United	Chicago	Honolulu	June, re-launch



Scheduled Domestic Air Seat Capacity to Hawai'i rose 14% in the 1st Quarter...





...and Further Growth (+11%) is Expected in the 2nd Quarter





Strategic Approach

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Key Marketing Strategies

- > Target active, higher-spending visitors
- Increase promotional presence
- > Stimulate demand during shoulder periods
- Promote Hawai'i as a preferred destination for business tourism on a global basis



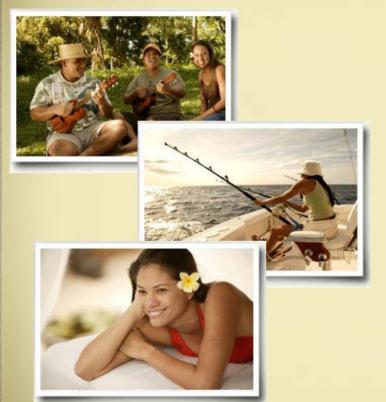


2004 Campaign

- Research Based
 - Natural Beauty
 - Diversity of Experiences
 - > The People of Hawai'i



Key Communications Elements



- > Television
- Travel and Lifestyle Publications
- E-marketing
- Publicity and Promotions
- Travel Trade/Wholesaler Programs





2004 Campaign





American Idol

- National Phenomenon
- HVCB negotiated to host auditions
- 31 million viewers for the audition show alone
- Hawai'i presence continues
- \$23,000 total investment by HVCB
 - > Typical cost, \$700,000 for 30-seconds









American Idol

HAWAII ARTS

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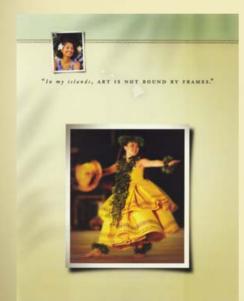


- HTA Product Development Initiative
- ► HVCB Focused on **Building Awareness** and **Intent**





Coordinated Multi-media Campaign



- Travel Trade
- Television
- Print
- E-Marketing
- Cooperative
- Public Relations
 - ✓ Satellite Media Tour
 - ✓ National Writer Relations









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Corporate Meetings and Incentives



Results January-March 2004

First Quarter Visitor Arrivals

	2004P	<u>2003P</u>	% Change
CMI (net)	158,981	145,666	9.1%
Conventions	99,913	87,743	13.9%
Corporate Meetings	29,943	29,084	3.0%
Incentives	36,309	34,566	5.0%



Expenditures Per Visitor
Visitors from U.S. West and U.S. East

(\$PPPD)	US West	US East
Average Visitor	\$141.91	\$162.99
CMI Visitor	\$174.98	\$201.23
% Difference	23.3%	23.5%

Source: DBEDT 2002 statistics



Marketing Direction

Strategies

- Brand Hawai'i as a business destination Hawai'i is an excellent place for corporate meetings and incentives
- Expand and broaden sales efforts through collaborative partnerships
- Increase "Top of Mind" awareness for Hawai'i



What We Do

- Sales & Marketing Team for all Islands
- Generate leads/lead room nights
- Create additional business opportunities for ancillary product and services companies in Hawaii
- One-stop shopping for CMI groups
- Destination specialists
- CMI Services



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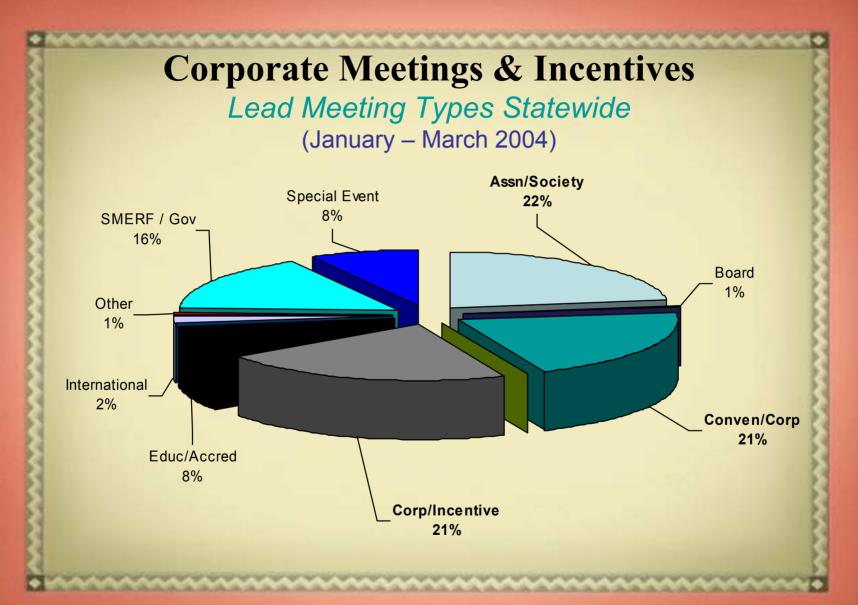
Lead/Lead Room Night Production

1st Quarter Actual vs. Annual Goals



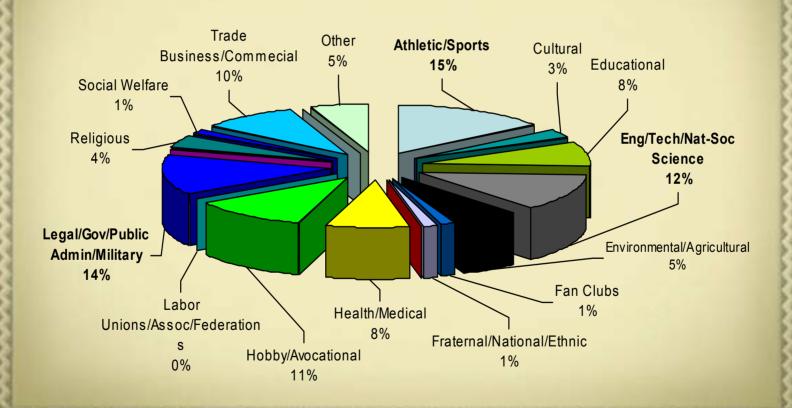






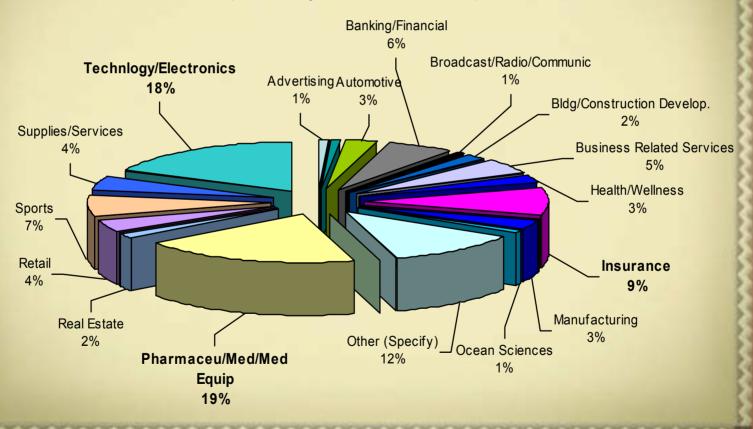


Lead Association Sub-Meeting Types Statewide (January - March 2004)





Lead Corporate Sub-Meeting Types Statewide (January – March 2004)





Marketing Programs and Tactics

Sales & Marketing Team

- Direct sales team
- Expanded Team (Island Chapter, Hawai'i Convention Center, international marketing groups)
- Industry partners (hotels, DMCs, airlines, attractions, etc.)



Marketing Programs and Tactics

Client Targeting

- Geographic and distribution channel targets:
 - North America
 - ➤ Business type: Corporate Meetings; Incentives; Product launches; National/Regional, International Association meetings
 - ➤ Distribution Channels; Corporate/Assoc. planners; Incentive Houses; 3rd Party Providers
 - International Markets
 - ➤ Business Type: Corporate Meetings; Incentives; Product launches; Multi-level marketing; National, Regional, International Association Meetings
 - ➤ Distribution Channels; Traditional leisure sellers (wholesalers and direct from Corporate planners)



Marketing Programs and Tactics

- Dominate Meetings Trade Marketing and Business Development
 - Advertising
 - Public Relations
 - > Trade Shows
 - Client Promotions and Targeted Sales
 - Educational Familiarization (Fam) Tours



Marketing Programs and Tactics

- Internet Marketing
 - MeetHawaii.com
 - > E-Newsletters
 - > Flash Campaigns
- CMI Services





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Corporate Meetings and Incentives



Come Experience Aloha!

Integrated Promotion for the Fall Shoulder Season



Come Experience Aloha!

Strategy:

Uniqueness and Diversity of Experiences



Come Experience Aloha!

Target Audience:

Travel Media

Travel Trade

Marketing Partners

Consumers



June	August	September	Shoulder Season
Travel Agents	Aloha Live!	National Cable TV	Come Experience!
		4-page Magazine Inserts	
		Magazine Co-op	
Travel Media		E-marketing	
		Wholesaler Co-op	



NCL/HVCB Travel Mart



Travel Mart

- Norwegian Cruise Line
- HVCB and Island Chapters
- 100 Travel Media and 1,000 Travel Agents



Travel Mart

- Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii
- Hawai'i Wellness Tourism Association
- Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association
- Hawai'i Museums Association
- Hawai'i Agritourism









Come Experience Aloha! Aloha Live!

- 20 Markets with direct air service
- Music Marketing Promotion to affect Shoulder Season Travel
- Supported with advertising, promotions, publicity
- Marketing partner participation opportunities
- Cost-effective partnership

Come Experience Aloha! September Media Promotion

- National Cable Television Advertising
- 4-Page Consumer Magazine Insert
- E-marketing; Newsletters, Ads, and Content
- Cooperative Sunday Travel Section Newspaper

September Media Promotion

Golf Marketing













Golf Marketing

- Create image of Hawai'i as a Golf Mecca
- Leverage Hawai'i's Golf Assets
- Desirable Target Audience





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- Traffic Hub
- Coming This Summer





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